



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

March 22, 2001

H.R. 811 **Veterans' Hospital Emergency Repair Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on March 21, 2001

H.R. 811 would authorize appropriations of \$250 million in 2002 and \$300 million in 2003 to be used for improving, replacing, renovating, and updating medical centers in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The bill would allow repair and renovation projects for making improvements in earthquake protection, fire safety, accommodations for people with disabilities and a variety of improvements to specialized programs in VA medical centers. H.R. 811 also would require reports from the General Accounting Office on the authorization process for VA construction projects and by VA for both the specific projects and the authorization process.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 811 would cost \$11 million in 2002 and \$506 million over the 2002-2006 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 811 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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